

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3628
ANSWERED ON:07.04.2003
AMENDMENTS TO EIA NOTIFICATION
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received any request to amend Schedule-I of the Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) Notification so as to get E.I.A. of new capital cities, big residential schemes and all the schemes involving acquisition of more than 400 hectares of land;
- (b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government are aware of the proposed scheme of the Chhattisgarh Government to build a new city for 7 lakh population on 5,000 hectares of land;
- (d) if so, whether environmental clearance under the E.I.A. has been obtained for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI DILIP SINGH JU DEV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b),(c),(d)&(e) A request has been received in the context of development of a new capital city for Chhattisgarh State. At present, environmental clearance is not required for development of capital cities under the provisions of Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 1994 issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. However, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 4th December 2001 in the matter of Writ Petition (Civil) No. 725 of 1994 with IA Nos. 20, 21, 1207, 1183, 1216 and 1251 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677 of 1985, have directed the Ministry of Environment and Forests to examine and consider amending the Rules under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, so as to require environmental impact assessment for the purposes of the Town Planning Acts. The Ministry of Urban Development have constituted a Committee to examine the need for Environmental Impact Assessment along with other issues.